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January 07, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

38 January 7, 2014

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
DELDEN ROAD NORTH OF PLACERITA CANYON ROAD
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF NEWHALL
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate an easement for public highway purposes on Delden Road north of Placerita Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Newhall that is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owner in order to provide improvements to the property as part of the proposed Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that the easement for public highway purposes on Delden Road north of Placerita Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Newhall has been impassable for vehicular travel for five consecutive years and no public money has been expended for maintenance during such period and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Sections 8331(a) and (b) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 2. Find that the easement for public highway purposes on Delden Road north of Placerita Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Newhall is excess with no in-place public utility facilities and not required for street or highway purposes and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

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- 3. Find that the easement for public highway purposes on Delden Road north of Placerita Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Newhall is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as required by Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 4. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.
- 5. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate the easement for public highway purposes on Delden Road north of Placerita Canyon Road (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Newhall, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited to into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by the Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 3.51 acres and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The County's interest in the easement was acquired by dedication in Document No. 973, recorded on July 11, 1941, in Book 18596, Page 127, of Official Records in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles as an easement for public highway purposes.

Golden Oak Ranch Properties, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company and underlying property owner, requested the vacation. The vacation will result in the property being unencumbered of the excess easement, thereby, allowing for improvements to the property as part of the proposed Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch project.

The California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8331(a) and (b) provide that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a street or highway if, for a period of 5 consecutive years, the street or highway has been impossible for vehicular travel and no public money has been

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expended for maintenance on the street or highway during this period.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334(a) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate any excess right of way of a street or highway not required for street or highway purposes.

The California Street and Highways Code Section 892(a) provides that rights of way established for other purposes by cities, counties and local agencies shall not be abandoned unless the governing body determines that rights of way or parts thereof are not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility. A nonmotorized transportation facility is defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code as a facility designed primarily for the use of pedestrians, bicyclists, or equestrians.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement. Your action will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Easement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 27, 2013, Agenda Item No. 6, the Board certified the environmental document for this project. The Environmental Impact Report found that on the basis of the whole record before the Board that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific consideration of the project as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The recommended actions are consistent with the scope of the project in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of the Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

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Haie Farher

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

C: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION DELDEN ROAD NORTH OF PLACERITA CANYON ROAD

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for public highway, (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement north of Placerita Canyon Road is located in the unincorporated community of Newhall in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- The Easement has been impassable for vehicular travel for five consecutive years and no public money has been expended for maintenance during such period.
- The Easement has been determined to be excess with no in-place public utility facilities and not required for public street or highway purposes.
- 4. The Easement is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 5. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 8330.
- 6. The Director of Public Works or her designee is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will be terminated.
- 7. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a street, highway, or public service easement.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:	SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the	
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EXHIBIT A

Project Name: **DELDEN RD**

NORTH OF PLACERITA CANYON ROAD

DELDEN ROAD 3-1VAC

A.I.N. 2848-019-009, 011, 013, AND 278

T.G. 4641-D1,E1 I.M. 249-137 R.D. 553 S.D. 5 M1088108

PARCEL NO. 3-1VAC (Vacation of public road easement):

That certain 60-foot-wide strip of land in Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 15 West, S.B.M., described as PARCEL 2 in deed to the County of Los Angeles, recorded on July 11, 1941, as Document No. 123, in Book 18596, page 127, of Official Records, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

Excepting therefrom that portion lying northwesterly of those courses in the southeasterly sideline of Antelope Valley Freeway shown as having bearings and lengths of North 39°44'02" East 556.44 feet and North 38°26'40" East 381.70 feet on map filed in Book 157, pages 87 and 88, of Record of Surveys, in the office of said Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

RESERVING to City of Los Angeles an easement for a transmission line for public utility purposes in, over, and across the above-described portion of road being vacated.

Containing: 3.51± acres



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